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SUBJ: BIO BACKGROUND ON GOI AMBASSADOR NASSIRI

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1. CONFIRMING INTERMITTENT RUMORS, GENERAL NEMATOLLAH NASSIRI HAS BEEN RELIEVE OF HIS POSITION AS DIRECTOR OF THE STATE SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION (SAVAK) TO BECOME GOI AMBASSADOR TO PAKISTAN. NASSIRI, 68, AN OLD AND LOYAL FRIEND OF THE SHAH, HAD BEEN SAVAK CHIEF SINCE 1965. HE IS KNOWN TO BE A HARD LINER IN HIS APPROACH TO OPPOSITION GROUPS AND TO HAVE URGED THE SHAH NOT TO GIVE IN TO DISSIDENT DEMANDS LEST STATE SECURITY SUFFER. NASSIRI HAS A REPUTATION AS A GOOD ADMINISTRATOR BUT A MAN WHO IS POLITICALLY INFLEXIBLE AND LESS SOPHISTICATED THAN THE TIMES DEMAND. HIS REMOVAL FROM STATE SECURITY AFFAIRS HAD LONG BEEN SOUGHT BY THOSE WITH A MORE CONCILIATORY APPROACH TO MANIFESTATIONS OF DISCONTENT. ON THE MORE POSITIVE SIDE, HOWEVER, NASSIRI HAS UP TO NOW HAD UNLIMITED ACCESS TO THE SHAH-SURELY AN ASSET IN THIS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GOP.

2. A FULL BIOGRAPHIC SUMMARY PREPARED BY DIA IN MARCH 1969 IS BEING POUCHED TO ISLAMBAD SEPARATELY. BRIEFLY, NASSIRI IS A CAREER MILITARY OFFICER WHO ATTENDED  
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TEHRAN MILITARY ACADEMY IN THE MID-30S WITH THE THEN CROWN PRINCE. SINCE THAT TIME HE HAS BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE SHAH AND WAS APPOINTED COMMANDER OF THE IMPERIAL GUARD IN 1951 AND CHIEF OF NATIONAL POLICE IN 1960. NASSIRI PLAYED AN INSTRUMENTAL ROLE, DEMONSTRATING GREAT LOYALTY AND COURAGE, IN THE OVERTHROW OF MOSADEQ IN 1953 BY DELIVERING THE ROYAL FIRMAN

DISMISSING MOSADEQ AS PRIME MINISTER-FOR WHICH  
MOSADEQ IMPRISONED HIM.

3. NASSIRI, PREVIOUSLY MARRIED TO A GERMAN WOMAN,  
PRESENTLY HAS A YOUNG IRANIAN WIFE AND TWO SONS.  
ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN DIPLOMATIC FUNCTIONS  
IN TEHRAN HE IS KNOWN TO ENJOY BRIDGE AND POKER WITH  
FRIENDS. HE SPEAKS FAIR FRENCH AND POOR ENGLISH.  
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